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Submission: I strongly dispute the need for the massive rate rise as proposed by Hawkesbury City council. Council so far has a lot of wastage in how it spends PUBLIC money and would do well in reviewing how said public money is spent. The services provided do not reflect the income currently received via rates levied on its residents. Granted, the council area is large, but a large proportion of that area is bush and farmland and those areas are sparsely populated. The ratepayers who reside in the more populous areas have already suffered a reduction in services in spite of regular rate rises over the years. To increase the rates by 33% only gives Council the opportunity to waste even more PUBLIC money.